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Sponsored by: Commissioner Deidre Malone

Approved by: _____

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TENNESSEE
HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION COVERAGE FEE. THIS RESOLUTION
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER DEIDRE MALONE.**

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that members of this Board of County Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee, should pause in deliberations to salute young citizens who have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we may be proud; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Hospital Association has proposed a one-year hospital coverage fee in an effort to restore a portion of the State planning TennCare cuts to hospitals; and

WHEREAS, The proposed hospital coverage fee will not be passed on to patients, but will be utilized as a mechanism to draw down additional federal dollars to restore the state's planning TennCare cuts to hospitals; and

WHEREAS, The proposed TennCare cuts will cause long-term devastation to TennCare patients and other individuals and communities served by hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Level 1 trauma centers likely will be forced to restrict when and how they accept transfers from other hospitals and may eliminate high cost health care, such as burn, perinatal and hemophilia services; and

WHEREAS, Small, rural hospitals will have to reassess every service they provide, with some facilities likely to close; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee hospitals will be forced to make dreadful choices in order to survive if these proposed TennCare cuts take effect; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee hospitals are valuable assets in their communities due to their strong economic impact on the local job market and the healthcare services they provide; and

WHEREAS, The proposed hospital coverage fee would allow hospitals to temporarily operate on the state's behalf to provide money for the state to draw down federal matching dollars to help fund the TennCare program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That members of this legislative body express strong support to the Tennessee Hospital Association for its proposed hospital coverage fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, § 2.06(B).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Shelby County Board of Commissioners hereby support the Tennessee Hospital Association Hospital Coverage Fee and that this resolution does hereby confirm the support of our legislative body and will be recorded in the official minutes of Shelby County Government.

Joe Ford, Interim County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

ADOPTED: _____

SUMMARY SHEET

I. Description of Item:

II. Source and Amount of Funding:

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